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COMPRESSIBLE ELEMENT IN)
LATERAL HEEL AREA)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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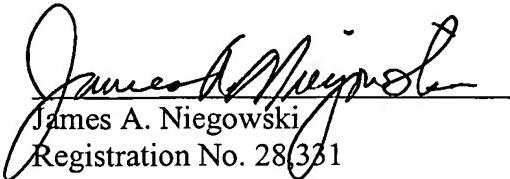
Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a), applicants submit the documents cited on the attached PTO-1449 form and respectfully request that the Examiner consider these documents.

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Applicants respectfully requests that the documents cited on the attached PTO-1449 form be made officially of record, and that a listing of the documents appear on the face of any patent that may issue from this application.

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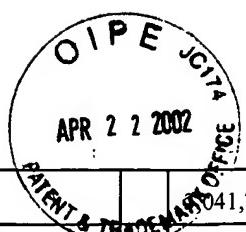


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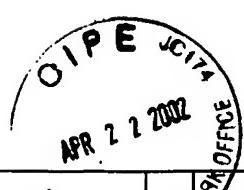
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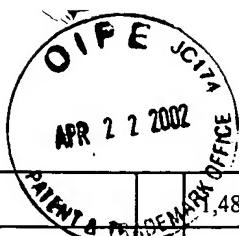


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		Web page translation using babelfish, entitled "The tennis shoe with the motivating force" (Applicants do not know the date of publication; however, they believe that the publication date for this reference is at least one year prior to the November 2, 2001 filing date for the present application.)
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